- (a) Accumulated Data. A ready reference library on North Carolina conditions, economic, social and civic; together with related library material on the United States and other nations of the world. Serves as a social science clearing house for the State; maintains an unusually well equipped seminar room for the study of rural economics, sociology and civics.
- (b) Activities. (1) Offers formal courses in rural economics and rural social problems, (2) makes researches in State problems, (3) conducts special State and county studies, (4) offers direct guidance of the State and county club activities, (5) furnishes speakers for field work, fifty addresses being given on an average each year.
- (c) Services Offered. Supplies information on, (1) State service organizations and agencies, public, semi-public, and private, economic, social, and civic, (2) the economic, social, and civic problems of the State, (3) social engineering, community organization, community centers and their activities, especially in rural areas.
- (d) Publications. (1) The University News Letter, a weekly publication, fifty numbers a year, devoted not to college gossip but to State problems, sent free of charge to anyone in the State who writes for it; goes now to 18,000 households in North Carolina; (2) special circulars, to date, these are, (a) Our Country Church Problems, (b) Our Carolina Highlanders, (c) County Government and County Affairs, (d) County Church Studies—Outline and Bibliography.
- 515. State Reconstruction Commission. This is composed of 25 men of affairs in the State, Governor Thomas W. Bickett, Raleigh, N. C., Chairman, and E. C. Branson, Chapel Hill, N. C., commission secretary and chairman of the steering committee. The commission first met for organization in October, 1919. No report of its action has yet been published.
- 516. North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey. Chapel Hill, N. C., Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, director; Miss H. M. Berry, secretary; J. S. Holmes, forester. (See also Chap. II, Par. 262).
- (a) Activities. The functions of the Geological Survey are (1) to study the mineral, forest, fishery and other material resources of the State; (2) to examine the geological formations with reference to their economic products; (3) to investigate road-building materials and the best methods of utilizing these; (4) to examine and classify soils, forests and other physical features with regard to their bearing upon the occupations of the people; (5) to study streams and water power resources with a view to development of manufacturing enterprises and the securing of water supplies for municipalities and rural communities, and in order to preserve the sources of these streams through the protection of the forests; (6) to inspect the water supplies with